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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to barely steady. No trading was reported. Demand remains slow. Offerings of hens and toms was fully adequate. Parts and meats trading was slow. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand was light and most buyers are cautious and selective. Offerings were adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was seasonally slow. Demand was light. Offerings were adequate.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 21, 2006**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME DEL. (000)	PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	70.5	70.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71.5	71.5	71.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 22, 2006**

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DEC 22, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	70.75	73.45	81.70**
CENTRAL REGION	71.50	70.00	81.40**
WESTERN REGION	70.00	72.70**	81.70**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	70.40**	73.21	79.10**
CENTRAL REGION	70.30**	74.82	78.00
WESTERN REGION	70.40**	72.40**	79.40**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	112-121
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	112-121
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-100
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	94 -96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	94-102

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	120-135
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	120-135
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	120-135
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	120-135
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	120-135

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS-**U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS**

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of December 25, 2006

Price (cents/lb.) Volume (lbs.)

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	99.82	515,000
16-24 lbs.	100.45	462,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume: **992,854**

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 16-Dec-2006 (Preliminary)

	<u>YOUNG</u>			<u>OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>Pct Chg</u>	<u>Avg Live</u>		<u>Banded</u>	<u>Avg</u>	
<u>-Thousand Head-</u>	<u>Prev wk</u>	<u>wt</u>	<u>-Thousand Head-</u>	<u>Live wt</u>		
North East	743 0	23.64	(A) 746		23.64	
South Atlantic	730 -4	35.04	(A) 733		35.04	
North Central	2,132 -1	32.45	(A) 2,134		32.45	
South Central	779 -9	17.77	(A) 781		17.77	
West	410 18	21.74	(A) 412		21.74	
U.S. total	4,794(B) -1	28.16	12 4,806		28.16	
To-date						
2006	229,197(B)		217		229,414	
To-date						
2005	222,524(B)		211		222,735	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 22,000; for the current year to date 1,356,000; for last year to date 1,225,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

November	463,450*
December 1 - 16, 2006	239,406*

To date 2006	5,128,786*
To date 2005	5,026,849*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>Thousands</u>				
W/E 16-Dec-2006					
Head	2,117	2,655	22	12	4,806
Avg Wt	15.60	38.19	29.13	24.48	28.16
Last week	2,141	2,704	19	0	4,864
Same wk yr ago	1,937	2,564	19	1	4,521
Avg Wt	15.67	38.78	27.79	44.26	28.83
To-date/2006	98,626	129,215	1,356	217	229,414
To-date/2005	92,117	129,182	1,225	211	222,735

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 21 DECEMBER 2006.

The market tone on parts and meats was steady to barely steady. Trading was slow, sales taking place were generally less than full loads. Demand was slow during this holiday period. Most buyers remain cautious and selective. Offerings mixed.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	129.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	136.70	135
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	116.00	50
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	40.00		40.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	33.00		33.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	32.00		32.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	45.00		45.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	52.00-53.00		52.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	83.00		83.00	20
NECKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	40
NECKS, HEN		F	27.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	190.00		190.00	80
THIGH MEAT		R	94.67	120
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00		96.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	73.67	120
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	170.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	177.39	46
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	17.53	253
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	40.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	32.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	94.00-98.00		94.57	140

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 DECEMBER 2006.

The market tone on parts and meats was steady to barely steady. Trading remains seasonally slow. Demand was light as buyers are cautious and selective at this time. Offerings are adequate. Domestic trading 8-10 lb. grade A bone-in breasts 109-111 cents. Export trading on fresh thigh meat was 96 cents, fresh tom drums 39 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	129.00	20	129.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	136.70	135	138.94	165
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	116.00	50		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00-40.00		39.33	120	39.02	186
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	40.00		40.00	60	40.00	180
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	33.00	20	31.45	44
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	34.00		34.00	40	32.95	84
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	45.00	20	45.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	52.50	40	52.34	122
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	83.00	20	83.00	20
NECKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	40	30.08	206
NECKS, HEN		F	27.00	40		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	187.00-192.00		188.25	160	190.32	380
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00		96.00	80	96.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT	79.00		79.00	20	79.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT	78.00		78.00	17	78.00	17
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	170.00	80	170.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	177.39	46		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-16.50		16.25	160	16.40	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	10	18.00	10
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	40.00	40	39.28	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	32.00	40	32.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.00	40	17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	94.00		94.00	80	94.36	220

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